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ABSTRACT

We propose an applicator with approximately 900 mg of alum-based styptic solution attached via adhesion, resulting from a drying process. The applicator consists of a 3- 4-inch elongated stem in the form of a stick, strip, and cylinder or like object, carrying styptic on one or both ends. Whereas the applicator remaining sterile by means of wrapping in paper, plastic, cellophane or similar wrappings during manufacturing. Styptic is water-soluble and acts as a "sponge" absorbing small amounts of blood while clotting surface blood on contact with bodily abrasions. Most states restrict commercial use of styptic due to possible blood-to-blood disease transfer via multiple users. This cost effective, individual use product greatly decreases this risk and therefore allows for re-introduction to the commercial markets it is currently restricted in. Further objects and advantages of our invention will become apparent from the consideration of the included drawings and descriptions.